

Spring 2010



Case-Barlow Farm

2010 Membership Drive

by Julie Kodatsky

There has never been a more exciting time to become a partner with one of Hudson's fastest growing cultural amenities. Thanks to continued support from many of you, Case-Barlow Farm has come a long way since being incorporated as a 501c3 organization in 1996.

- The house has been restored on the 1st floor and is available to northeast Ohio individuals, organizations and businesses for meetings, special events and programs.
- The colonial garden, a project of the Case-Barlow Farm Garden Group, provides gardeners a unique study of assorted heirloom perennials suitable for local planting.
- Walkways have been rebuilt with commemorative bricks now included at most membership levels.
- The barn has a brand new roof and a new sub floor. And, yes, the floor in the barn is dry.
- The garage has a new cement floor, restored windows and a new garage door. It is now secure from the elements.

However, there remains much to do as we focus on the following:

- Completing the renovation and repairs to the barn for future use as one of Hudson's largest historic indoor gathering places.
- Restoring and renovating the granary and corn crib.
- Landscaping of the grounds.

In an effort to raise much needed funding, Case-Barlow Farm has formally launched a Membership Drive for 2010. To maintain the Farm's ongoing operation, quality programs and continued improvements, our membership dollars form the core of our funding support. We are reaching out to both past and prospective members within the community and beyond as we strive to expand our base and raise awareness of the historic treasure that is Case-Barlow Farm.

Membership letters and forms are being mailed soon. A basic membership for just \$30.00 includes a one year subscription to this newsletter and a promotional window decal. A \$100 donation includes the basic membership and also an engraved commemorative brick for the farm's walkway. A donation of \$200 and up includes the basic membership, a commemorative engraved brick plus discounts on rental of the farm house & grounds. If for some reason you do not receive your membership information or would like to request additional forms, please contact Julie Kodatsky @ 330.571.4762.

We are self-funding, not a part of the City of Hudson. Please join in our effort to preserve a precious resource of Hudson's historic past while enriching the lives of area residents today and for years to come.

Spring at Last





Big Heart-Small World

Community Tag Sale

Saturday, June 26th 9:30 to 3:00 p.m.

By Barbara Bos

Children of Ubumi, Hudson's orphanage in Zambia, working with St. Mary's Life Teen will sponsor the first community tag sale called

Big Heart--Small World.

This sale offers everyone the chance to clean out your attics, garages and cellars to benefit others and to avoid the time and effort of putting together your own yard sale. To help raise funds for the education of Hudson's orphanage in Zambia and to support St. Mary's Life Teen's effort for the Appalachian Service Project and also to help defray cost of their trip to Germany for World Youth Day, they are asking that you donate furniture and lamps, home décor and pictures, books, CD's, DVD's, videos, baby equipment, sports and fitness

equipment, toys, games, usable kitchenware, plus tools and garden equipment. Because of the logistics of disposal, safety or displaying items, TV's, computers, infant car seats, clothing or other fabric items cannot be accepted.

Donors are requested to drop off their items at Case-Barlow Farm on Friday, June 25 between 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. Volunteers will be on hand to accept the donations from your car. Pick-ups can be scheduled for those who cannot drop off by contacting Ginger Graber at 330-650-4567 to make arrangements. All of the items donated qualify for a tax deduction to the 501c3 non-profit organization.

Everyone is invited to come and find bargains and treasures all in one spot. The "Martha's Mistake Gospel Singers" will provide entertainment during the event. Refreshments will be offered for sale by Case-Barlow Farm volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, price and sell the items. If you can donate a couple of hours of time for a fun and worthwhile event or for more information about the Children of Ubumi, email: admin@children-at-ubumi.org. The Big Heart-Small World Community Tag Sale will take place at Case-Barlow Farm, 1931 Barlow Road. A rain date has been set for Saturday, July 10th & drop off will be Friday, July 9th.

Do you have these items?



Our Annual Fall Fest is coming in October and we could use some supplies to help defray the cost of the children's crafts. If you have any of the following items and will be willing to donate them, please call Sean Hettinger at 330-603-5405. Thank you!

- Pine Cones * Card stock of various colors
- Large pieces of material at least 1/2 yard cuts
- Self drying white clay * Candle wicking
- Yarn * String

Our Roof is no longer leaking--Yeah!

After catching rain water in large buckets in the attic for several months until we could find someone qualified to repair the red tile roof, the work was completed last week. The Kozlowski Company, out of Tallmadge, found several broken tiles, a backup of pine needles and a squirrel's nest to be the major problems of our leak. We hope this will hold for several years, because the next step would be to remove all the tiles, remove the unexpected find of a shake roof beneath, then reapply the tiles properly. This would be a very expensive process that we are hoping to delay as long as possible.

Spring is Here & so are Our Wonderful Yard Ladies!

Armed with shovels, rakes and a wheel barrow, three wonderfully dedicated gals have given lovingly of their time already this spring. They arrive early in the morning, move yards and yards of mulch, weed and care for the flower beds and even trim the trees. We offer a large THANK YOU to Maryann Winders, Barb Crawford & Barbara Brubaker (not pictured). The beautiful yard and curb appeal of the farm is because of your hard work. We all appreciate you!



Hudson League for Service Donation

The Hudson League for Service generously granted Case-Barlow Farm \$300.00 for the purchase of an antique or period reproduction lighting fixture for the 2nd floor hallway. It will be so wonderful to replace the bare light bulb that has graced the ceiling for all these years. Barbara Bos & Linda Matty enthusiastically received the donation from Liane Edge on behalf of the farm. Thank you to every member of the Hudson League for Service, we truly appreciate your generosity.



Rental Opportunity

The Case-Barlow Farm is meant to be used by everyone in the community. The restoration is taking the home back to the year 1831 for 21st century events. Some recent rentals include graduation parties, private dinners, music recitals, distance learning video presentations and public events. If you would like to plan an event for the house or the yard & garden, please call 330-650-0591 to find out details.

ICL Facilitates Diversity Training For Achievement Center for Children

By Marcia Mauter, Director of ICL

On March 8th and 9th, 2010, Institute for Creative Leadership facilitated diversity training for thirty staff from the Achievement Center for Children. The fact that this training was held at Case-Barlow Farm, a historically designed Underground Railroad site, added to the richness of learning throughout the sessions.

The attendees discussed the many 'take-aways' they experienced from this active and engaging training. They shared the importance of viewing the world from other ways in order to operate from a more informed viewpoint. They understand that strong and sustained efforts are needed to make sure that others don't become excluded/marginalized because of ignorance or biases. They can better see others' diversities as being equally valuable as their own. They know that they must create movement, not just motions, so they can better meet their diversity leadership obligations, responsibilities and challenges.

As one attendee stated, "As a society, we have made remarkable gains, but there is much more that can still be done. I need to push more to broaden my influence in positive ways. What am I waiting for?"

The Achievement Center for Children is one of many northeast Ohio agencies in the Alcohol and Drug Addiction/Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County network to take advantage of ICL's leadership, team building and diversity/cultural competence training.

Quester's Beginning the Bedrooms

By Connie Price

Anna Lee Quester's Receives International Grant

On May 9, 2010, it was announced at the 60th Quester International Convention in Phoenix, Arizona that Anna Lee Quester Chapter #968 received a Preservation and Restoration Grant. This will enable the Questers to continue their mission of helping restore the farm house at CBF. The Lora Case master bedroom on the second floor will be the next room to take on a look from the mid-nineteenth century. The entire chapter will be meeting and scouring antique shops and shows throughout the area to find the appropriate furnishings.

To fulfill the requirements of this Grant, reports must be submitted to the Philadelphia headquarters in six months; then again, at the end of the year along with before and after photos. We are excited to start this restoration, and, as always, the Case Barlow Farm Board of Directors expressed how grateful they are for the continued support that all of the area Questers have given to the farm.



Newsletter

Case-Barlow Bicentennial Farm
P.O. Box 2143
Hudson, Ohio 44236

Phone: 330.650.0591
E-Mail: casebarlow@aol.com
casebarlowfarm.com

Board of Trustees

Robert Porter, Chair. Ex. Committee
Linda Matty, Ex. Committee
Hub Herendeen, Ex. Committee
Patricia Belby
Barbara Bos
Kathryn Chadwick-Koke
John Church
Sean Hettinger
Julie Kodastky
Philip Leiter
David McNees
Connie Price
Nancy Waite

**Non-Profit
Organization
US Postage
PAID**

**Hudson, Oh
44236
Permit #229**

Watch for Up-Coming Attractions

Ubumi Yard Sale- Saturday June 26th
Fall Harvest Fest - Sunday, October 3rd

CBF Garden Group

By Connie Price

The garden is open for the 2010 growing season. For the past three years, we have been dealing with deer, groundhogs, rabbits and raccoons eating everything that is green. Earlier this spring we installed a wire fence around the perimeters of the garden and buried it six inches into the ground. Hopefully, this will be a deterrent.

The garden group will be attending the Crown Point Heirloom Plant Sale in hopes of finding plants that were used in a mid-1800's farm garden. Since we are trying to be as organic as possible, a couple of techniques for avoiding the use of pesticides and herbicides are: (1) plant rotation and (2) companion planting. At Case-Barlow Farm we chart our garden each year to prevent repeat plantings from year to year; thus, plant rotation. An example of companion planting (friends and foes) would be: Beans are friends with--beets, carrots, corn, radishes and tomatoes, and are foes with --garlic, onions, peppers and sunflowers. Check out the "The Old Farmer's Almanac" for more examples. These methods have been proven and used by gardeners for centuries. Here are a couple of rhymes from New Hampshire author and organic gardener Jeanne Prevett Sable:

"Beets of red should never bed
With beans of green, nor mustard wed."

"Many vegetables love the potato,
Which shuns its own cousins, eggplant and tomato."

